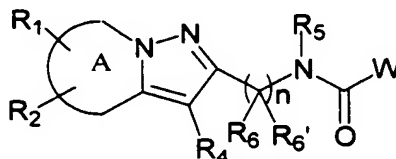


### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed are compounds of the formula



and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof where the variables R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, A, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>', n, and W are defined herein. These compounds bind to the benzodiazepine site of GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors are provided and, therefore can be used to modulate ligand binding to GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors *in vivo* or *in vitro*, and are particularly useful in the treatment of a variety of central nervous system (CNS) disorders in humans, domesticated companion animals and livestock animals.